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SIR ARTHUR SULLIVAN.

The death of Sir Arthur Sullivan removes one who has contributed in no slight degree to the contemporary pleasure and gaiety of the nation, and, indeed, of the English-speaking race wherever it may be found. It is only when we think of the span of years that Sir Arthur is a man of whom we have so much rejoiced as. Without concerning ourselves for the moment with his grave composition, it is interesting to remember that from 1875 to 1887 he collaborated with W. S. Gilbert in the production of those charming musical comedies which delighted the public of the Savoy and afterwards adulated throughout the English-speaking world. The very names of these pieces touch the chords of agreeable and pleasant reminiscence. Both collaborators were fortunate, the one in finding a librettist whose work was clever enough to command such a measure of interest, and the other in being associated with a musical genius capable of translating his quaint satirical fancies into melodies so light and captivating and popular. The man in the street knows, of course, that Sir Arthur has composed great works than these. His services to his "Lost Chord," his incidental music to Shakespearean plays, his "Martyr of Antioch," and other efforts are familiar to music lovers. But it is to the Gilbert-Sullivan musical comedies or comic operas that the public will mentally turn when the news of his death reaches them. The collaboration was a brilliant instance of the coming together of two whose work fitted the one into the other. The result must have been the cause of innocent delight and many merry moments to scores of thousands.

Life in London.—In Mr. Lucy's letter, will be found some comments on political masters. Other interesting topics are dealt with.

TELEGRAPH STATIONS.—The Postmaster-General has received the following from the Postmaster-General of the United States:

"Sir, I am sending you a copy of the

newspaper, China: "Telecan, Hailow, and

Shantou. Rates, &c word from Hong-

"Kong."

An Alternative Line to Melbourne.—Mr. Kirkland, Railway Commissioner, left Sydney last night accompanied by Mr. Harvey, Chief Traffic Manager for Comptons, who is going to inspect the proposed railway line from the Victorian border. Information will be obtained by the Commissioner with the view of the subject. The route, it will be remembered, has been advocated as affording an alternative line to Melbourne.

Report on Iron Deposits.—The Minister of Mines has received the following from Mr. North, in the Legislative Assembly yesterday:

"Sir, I have the honour to inform you

that the Royal Commission on the

subject of iron deposits in the colony

has been engaged for some time past in

examining the iron deposits of the colony.

The necessary work of some magnitude,

but it will take some months to be com-

pleted. The report will be submitted

as soon as possible.

Mr. Jequet is frequently having fresh deposits brought under his notice, but the complete report cannot be made until all these have been examined.

For the present, however, the

work of some 5000 of productive minor on

the last one received from him, all the pro-

prietary reports have already been published.

The balance-sheets of the Children's Hospital Fund were made up by the end of last month.

Mr. Jequet, the Geologist, reported in September, that the total receipts were £17,200, and the total expenditure £2310, while the net balance is £15,000.

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